



# The Town Crier

City of Algona

MARCH 2014

## Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday April 19, 2014—11 AM Matchett Memorial Park  
402 Warde Street (Behind City Hall)*

*Age Groups: (2-4) (5-7) (8-12)*

Bring the kids with their baskets to the park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We are seeking sponsors to donate grand prizes such as non-gender specific Easter baskets, children's videos, children's games, pre-packaged chocolate bunnies, or Easter-style stuffed animals. Donations need to be received in City Hall no later than Tuesday April 15th. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 253-833-2897. Dust off the baskets and get ready to hunt.

### Fact:

*Keeping pollutants out of the water isn't just a good idea - it's the law. The Washington State Water Pollution Control Law (RCW 90.48) and the King County Code (KCC 9.12) prohibit the discharge of pollutants to the storm drainage system, surface water and groundwater. Direct dumping of material or polluted stormwater can negatively affect every water body it enters.*

## City of Algona Email Subscriptions

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The Algona City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

The Council conducts workshop sessions the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

All meetings of the City Council are open to the public

**Council Meetings**  
2nd & 4th Tuesday

**Visit our website at:**  
[www.algonawa.gov](http://www.algonawa.gov)

## Recycling Collection Event

**Saturday May 3, 2014—9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**ALPAC Elementary School**

**310 Milwaukee Blvd N**

Algona's **Recycling Collection Event** will be on May 3rd. Items collected include used tires, used anti-freeze, used oil and oil filters, used batteries, bulky wood (large materials only), appliances, electronic equipment, computer peripherals, scrap metals, textiles, reusable or recyclable household goods, porcelain toilets and sinks, propane tanks, and other materials if practical.

**Some fees apply.** For more information, contact 206-938-8262

**Home Town Community Services** wants to see you!!!

Come join us for a variety of activities. We are open Mon-Fri 9am to 1pm. We offer a lunch made fresh and served at noon. In addition, you can join us for crafts and exercise classes. Both are set to all skill levels. Crafts are offered Wednesdays at 10:30 and exercise classes are Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:30am. You can find out more by liking our Facebook page **Home Town Community**



**Services in Algona.** There you will get a daily post about what's for lunch and more. We are located at 401 Warde Street and share space with the church. We also offer a FREE item give-away twice a month. These items can include personal care, clothes, books, and more. Please stop in and see us—the coffee and tea is waiting for you.

## 2014 ECOSS Pollution Prevention Outreach Report

Early in 2013, The Environmental Coalition of South Seattle (ECOSS) began an expansion of the Puget Sound Spill Kit Program with funding from Puget Sound Partnership. The goal of the program is to help increase awareness of stormwater pollution, and spill preparedness in small to medium sized businesses with connectivity to Puget Sound.

By providing free spill cleanup materials as an incentive, ECOSS seeks to engage businesses on the subject of stormwater pollution prevention, help them save money, and contribute to a cleaner Puget Sound. In Algona, twenty businesses were identified and approached with this program. These businesses were asked to sign a pledge reflecting their understanding of pollution prevention and promising future training for their staff. Also, these businesses were given a free spill kit and a brief primer on the subject of stormwater and its effect on water quality.

A follow-up study was completed within six months after initial participation in the program, and the results were positive. After participating in the program, 74% of the businesses reported knowing where their stormwater runoff went, as compared to only 42% before participating. Also, 100% of the business had spill cleanup materials and a Spill Plan onsite, as compared to only 44% before participation.

As a result of the positive effects, ECOSS recommends continuing the program and providing future outreach for stormwater pollution prevention. Using best practices is important to help improve water quality in our lakes, streams, rivers, and Puget Sound.



## Mayor's Message

### West Valley Highway

Algona was incorporated as a city in 1955. At that time, an error in the city boundary was made, and Algona includes a slip of land that includes the north bound lane of West Valley Highway from north of Ellingson to the south near where the grade comes down the hill. It only includes the northbound lane. The southbound lane is in King County from our regular city limits south.

This is the area where the hillside has given way and covers the road. In addition to the slide, we have discovered at least one sink hole under our side of the road. The hillside is unstable and there is the possibility of more mud slides. The sinkhole is over 18 inches deep, with the possibility that a vehicle could be driving along and fall into the sinkhole if the few inches of asphalt breaks away. There already is serious cracking.

We are exploring possibilities for funding the repair and rebuilding of the road. We are talking a lot of money, and the County would have to repair and rebuild their side at the same time. We are in discussions with Pacific, Auburn and King County to find a solution for this vital road.

I have had to close the road in Algona indefinitely until a funding source can be found. I wish that there were other options, but the road is clearly unsafe and it will have to be rebuilt.

### Moratorium

The City Council has passed a six month moratorium on marijuana businesses in the city. Although we have not had any applications, we have had several inquiries. The purpose of the moratorium is to give the City time to address the regulation of marijuana businesses. I would invite anyone interested in the newly legalized recreational marijuana related business to come to City Council meetings and discuss their point of view.

I would remind everyone that the State license is issued subject to obtaining local licenses. Many cities are struggling with the issue, now is the time to be heard in Algona. The City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday every month.

### Volunteers

It's the time of year I ask for volunteers to help with events. Kevin has been busy planning a series of events for 2014, and we need your help. We have the Easter Egg Hunt, a fishing derby, movies, sports camps, lunches for youth in the park and many more events planned. Contact Kevin if you would be willing to make a contribution of some time to the City. This is a good opportunity for high school students to get their community service requirements completed in a fun way. We depend on volunteers to help us provide events; consider donating a few hours to keep the activities going. You decide how much and how little you contribute.

Go to our web page for more information on Algona and to sign up for our email blasts on events and news.

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**Office Hours:**  
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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day





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Don't Forget  
Free Popcorn  
Fridays !

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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9	10	11 Council Workshop 6 PM  Council Meeting 7 PM	12	13 Planning Commission 6:30 PM	14	15
16	17 Penalties posted for past due Jan. bills & notices mailed	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Disconnect notices for past due Jan. bills	25 Council Workshop 6 PM  Council Meeting 7 PM	26 Water shut off for past due Jan. bills	27	28	29
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